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SUBJECT: BLACK LEADERS COMMENT ON ANGOLAN SITUATION

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1. RAND DAILY MAIL JAN 5 REPORTS COMMENTS OF NUMBER OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN LEADERS ON SITUATION IN ANGOLA AND QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT. LEADER OF COLORED LABOR PARTY, SONNY LEON, SAID REFORM IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NOT INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA WAS BEST GUARANTEE AGAINST COMMUNIST THREAT. J N REDDY, CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SA INDIAN COUNCIL IS REPORTED AS BEING IN FAVOR OF SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA IF UN OR OAU WOULD GUARANTEE SA INTERESTS ALONG ANGOLA-NAMIBIA BORDER.

2. RICHARD MAPONYA, PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN AND MEMBER OF SOWETO URBAN BANTU COUNCIL, QUOTED AS SAYING, " I THINK SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED PHYSICALLY, BUT SHE SHOULD INVOLVE HERSELF DIPLOMATICALLY BY WAY OF TRYING TO PROMOTE PEACE." ALEX KEKANA MAYOR OF PRETORIA BLACK TOWNSHIP OF MAMELODI, SAID HE FELT INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA COULD

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ESCALATE TO POINT WHERE AFRICANS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO

FIGHT " AGAINST THEIR WISHES". HE SAID AFRICANS WOULD NOT
FIGHT WILLINGLY BECAUSE IN SOUTH AFRICA THEY ARE DENIED
BASIC RIGHTS SUCH AS HOME OWNERSHIP AND FREEDOM OF
MOVEMENT.
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